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To whom it may concern,

From the stand point of both an IT professional and a computer user who has been using computers since 1984, Microsoft is a monopoly. The facts in the case were, originally, very clearly defined and laid out, and pointed to this fact. Although I am no lawyer, it seems that the only reason that the original ruling was not upheld is simply for political reasons.

The fact that, one week before the judgement is affected, there is an injunction (or some such legal term that interrupted the original process), seems to be a clear case of political intervention. Since the intervention was on behalf of Mr. Bush, it speaks to me of big business protecting big business. If Microsoft is not divided, they will simply continue doing what they have always done: absorb or destroy the competition through partnering and "competitive" practices.

Most people in this industry know Microsoft for the Monopolistic giant that they are. In fact, those of us with longer memories than 15 minutes remember well the suits against Microsoft from many of their previous partners for anti-trust related issues such as copyright infringement, patent infringement, and unfair practices to name only a few.

If you reverse the original ruling, you are only giving american businesses the right to buy their way out of anti-trust suits. Most people are too ignorant of the history to know the full extent of Microsoft's malicious practices, but those of us in the industry know that for Microsoft to win, they have to blind the public, and the courts.

Simply put, if american justice means Microsoft continues unimpeded, american justice is only worth the money and ties it generates.

Sincerely,

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